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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### ***RICHMONT MINES PRIVATE PLACEMENT OF COMMON SHARES RAISES CAN\$15.9 MILLION***

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MONTREAL, June 17, 2005 - Richmont Mines Inc. (TSX: RIC; AMEX: RIC) is pleased to announce that it has agreed to sell to a syndicate of underwriters, 3,246,000 common shares by way of underwritten private placement at a price of CAN\$4.90 per common share for gross proceeds of CAN\$15,905,400. The common shares are subject to a four month hold period under applicable Canadian securities laws.

The closing of the private placement is subject to, amongst other things, the approval of the Toronto Stock Exchange. Closing is expected to take place on or around June 28, 2005.

The net proceeds of the private placement will be used primarily to explore and develop the East Amphi and Island Gold properties, to purchase mine equipment, and for general corporate purposes.

**Disclosure regarding forward-looking statements**

This news release contains forward-looking statements that include risks and uncertainties. The factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those indicated in such forward-looking statements include changes in the prevailing price of gold, the Canadian-American exchange rate, grade of ore mined and unforeseen difficulties in mining operations that could affect revenues and production costs. Other factors such as uncertainties regarding government regulations could also affect the results. Other risks may be detailed in Richmont Mines' Annual Information Form, Annual Report and periodic reports.

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**Form 6-K**

**REPORT OF FOREIGN PRIVATE ISSUER PURSUANT TO RULE 13a-16 OR 15d-16 UNDER THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the month of June, 2005.

Commission File Number 0-28816

Richmont Mines Inc.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

110, avenue Principale, Rouyn-Noranda (Quebec) J9X 4P2

(Address of principal executive office)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant files or will file annual reports under cover of Form 20-F or Form 40-F.

Form 20-F  Form 40-F

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Richmont Mines Inc.

(Registrant)

Date June 17, 2005

By Jean-Yves Laliberté (signed)

(Signature)\*

Jean-Yves Laliberté

Vice President, Finance

\* Print the name and title under the signature of the signing officer.

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